



Gold King Mine Spill 08/09/2015 – 1900 CDT Bullets

Update on Current Activities

Nine samples were taken today. All of the sample locations on August 9, 2015 had pH levels within the pH range specified by the State of New Mexico of 6.6 to 9.0.

Preliminary lab data has been received on the 2 samples taken by Region 8 in New Mexico on August 6 and the 4 samples taken by Region 6 on the 7th. All of these samples were collected prior to the impacted water arriving in the area. Preliminary results indicate no exceedances for Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs, drinking water standards), recreation, and acute or chronic effects to aquatic life.

Region 8 will take part in a public meeting this evening in Durango. The Region 6 PIO embedded in the Joint Information Center as well as the two OSCs in the field will attend as well.

The Region 6 Mobile Command Post will arrive in Farmington the evening of August 9.

Planned Activities

Sampling activities along the Animas River will continue tomorrow at the 9 intake locations.

EPA Region 6 is coordinating with San Juan County Emergency Management to identify and address alternative water supply needs for agriculture and livestock. EPA has activated our ERSS contractor to initiate sourcing bulk and individual water supply alternatives. ERSS will begin this alternative water supply with livestock on August 10.

The water staff will continue developing strategy for field sampling of private water wells in conjunction with the State of New Mexico.

EPA and contractor staffing for tomorrow is as follows:

Group	Number
Region 6 EPA @ REOC	15
Region 6 Contractors @ REOC	4
Region 6 EPA in Field (R6)	7
Region 6 Contractors in Field	19